

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3 and 6-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, and claims 4 and 5 are objected to. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indication of allowance of claims 12-27.

The Examiner applies the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,624 (hereinafter "Woloshin") in rejecting claims 1-3 and 6-11. The Examiner notes on page 5 of the Office Action that claims 4 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4. In addition, applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement for the indication of allowable subject matter which states the record of prior art fails to teach the method which further comprises maintaining a database of available active MIDs, TIDs, and GIDs. In view of the foregoing, applicants now believe that amended claim 1 that incorporates the limitation of maintaining a database of available MIDs, TIDs and GIDs distinguishes over the teachings of Woloshin, as do dependent claims 2, 3 and 5-11.

This application is now considered to be in form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, it will expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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